

# RESTORATION TRACKING, TOOLS AND REPORTING

Moving toward a unified message...

- Reporting Terminology
- Project Databases
- Performance Measures

# CEQ Reporting Categories

- Originated under Clean Water Action Plan by the White House Wetlands Working Group
- Designed for tracking gain/loss of wetland acres
- Used for reporting to OMB/CEQ
- Categories:
  - Established/Created
  - Restored
    - ❖ Re-established
    - ❖ Rehabilitated
  - Enhanced
  - Protected



# Estuary Restoration Act

- Goal of strategy = restore function to one million acres of estuary habitat
- Measuring gain in functional (versus structural) acres
- Estuary habitat = estuaries and “associated ecosystems” (not limited to wetlands)

# Established/Created

Habitat established where it did not previously exist

	Restoration?	Gain in Acres?
CEQ	NO	YES
ERA	YES	YES



# Re-established

Rebuilding of a former habitat where  
it once existed

	Restoration?	Gain in Acres?
CEQ	YES	YES
ERA	YES	YES

# Rehabilitated

Function restored to a degraded habitat

	Restoration?	Gain in Acres?
CEQ	YES	NO
ERA	YES	YES

# Enhanced

Alteration of existing habitat for a specific purpose, especially for human use

	Restoration?	Gain in Acres?
CEQ	NO	NO
ERA	NO	NO



# Protected

Maintenance or preservation of existing habitat

	Restoration?	Gain in Acres?
CEQ	NO	NO
ERA	NO	NO



# Discussion Questions

- Does your program use CEQ categories to track restoration?
- Do you use a limited set of these categories (e.g., “restoration” to cover both “rehabilitation” and “re-establishment”)?
- Do you use additional (more specific) categories?

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## National Estuaries Restoration Inventory



# Estuary Restoration Act

## Section 107

- ...develop and maintain an appropriate database of information concerning estuary habitat restoration projects carried out under this title, including information on project techniques, project completion, monitoring data, and other relevant information.
- ... compile information that pertains to estuary habitat restoration projects from other Federal, State, and local sources and that meets the quality control requirements and data standards established under this section.
- ...available to the public.

# Estuary Habitat Restoration Strategy

**Goal:** Restore one million acres of estuary habitat by 2010

- Projects funded by the Act's Estuary Habitat Restoration Program
- Projects conducted by Council agency programs
- Other projects which fit the standards set by the Act and Strategy



# National Estuaries Restoration Inventory

- Developed by NOAA in consultation with the ERA Council
- Design Goals:
  - Meet requirements of the Act
  - Track progress toward million-acre goal
  - Easily searchable and user-friendly interface
- Released in early 2004
- Currently contains mainly NOAA projects